



Medicare Eligible Retiree Information

Office of Group Insurance

Blue Cross of Idaho, Regence BlueShield, AARP Participate in Program

Eligible State Retirees May Use Available Sick Leave Funds to Pay for Medicare Supplement Premiums

Recent agreements with **Blue Cross** of Idaho, **Regence BlueShield** of Idaho, and the American Association of Retired Persons (**AARP**) *Health Care Options* program, have made it possible for the Office of Group Insurance to offer Medicare eligible State retirees and their dependents access to Medicare Supplement Insurance plans, through their retiree "sick leave account."

The supplement plans could be in addition to, or in lieu of, enrollment in one of the State's retiree medical plans. Depending on your healthcare needs, these plans could be less expensive than either of the state's retiree medical plans.

You can utilize your unused sick leave funds to pay for the monthly Medicare supplement coverage premiums. The Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho (**PERSI**) can also deduct the premium from your monthly retirement benefit regardless of whether or not you have unused sick leave funds available.

Different Supplement Plan Choices Available

You may choose from **18 supplement plans** that are offered through Blue Cross of Idaho, Regence BlueShield of Idaho and the AARP. As you consider your health insurance needs, the supplement plans and related options could help to reduce healthcare premium costs.

Eligibility:

If you meet the requirements to participate in the traditional Retiree Medical Plan, and you are enrolled in both Parts A & B of Medicare, you are eligible to participate in these plans.

NOTE: Enrollment in any of the available Medicare Supplement Plans may affect your dependents' coverage under the State's Retiree Medical Plans. Please contact the Office of Group Insurance at (208) 332-1860 or toll free at 1-800-531-0597 for more information.

To Enroll, or If You Have Questions ...

If you are interested in reviewing the Medicare Supplement Plan options available, enrolling, or if you have particular questions about these plan options, contact the Providers below during normal business day office hours:

Blue Cross of Idaho: 1-800 365-2345
Regence BlueShield of Idaho: 1-800 632-2022
1-888 OUR-AARP or 1-888 687-2277
(Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 12 midnight EST)